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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES ON MALTA
MEETING

1. OWEN AND PARTY NOW PLAN TO DEPART LONDON FROM
HEATHROW (SOUTHSIDE) ABOARD RAF VC-10 AT 1800 SUNDAY,
JAN 29 ARRIVING MALTA AT 2210 LOCAL (FLIGHT TIME IS
THREE HOURS TEN MINUTES). WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING
WHETHER YOUNG PARTY PLANS TO JOIN BRITISH HERE OR TRAVEL
SEPARATELY.

2. OWEN WILL BE IN MANCHESTER FRIDAY EVENING AND
SATURDAY. HE WOULD PREFER CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE OVER
DINNER DURING FLIGHT.

3. AMBASSADOR BREWSTER WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO DIS-
CUSS SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG PRIOR
TO DEPARTURE, PERHAPS SOMETIME SUNDAY MORNING OR
AFTERNOON.

4. BRITISH PROPOSE VERDALA HOTEL AS SITE FOR TALKS.
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HOTEL APPARENTLY OFFERS EXCELLENT CONFERENCE ROOMS AND
CAN PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE, ETC. ALTHOUGH SITE IS NOT
"SPEECH SECURE" AND IS ACCESSIBLE TO PRESS, BRITISH
BELIEVE IT WOULD OFFER MORE CONVENIENT AND CONDUCIVE
LOCATION THAN RAF BASE. FCO WOULD LIKE OUR OPINION.

5. OWEN AND CARVER WILL STAY AT HIGH COMMISSION RESI-

DENCE (NOTE: PRESENT UK HIGH COMMISSIONER IS NORMAN ASPIN WHO PRECEDED PHILIP MANSFIELD AS ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY). REMAINDER OF PARTY WILL BE AT PHOENICIA HOTEL. PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS WILL BE PUT UP AT HILTON.

6. FOREIGN SECRETARY'S PARTY TENTATIVELY CONSISTS OF OWEN PLUS TWO PRIVATE SECRETARIES (FERGUSON AND WALL), TWO PERSONAL ASSISTANTS; AND FIELD MARSHAL LORD CARVER PLUS COL. REILLY AND LT. COL. ROUS; TWO SECURITY; DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY JOHN GRAHAM; RHODESIA DEPARTMENT HEAD PATRICK LAVER; PRESS OFFICE SPOKESMAN HAMILTON WHYTE; HENRY STEEL OF LEGAL OFFICE; AND JAMES ALLEN (FCO POLITICAL ADVISER ON CARVER'S STAFF).

7. FCO HAS NOT LEARNED PREM CHAND'S TRAVEL PLANS BUT EXPECTS CHAND PLUS THREE TO ARRIVE MALTA SOMETIME SUNDAY.

8. OWEN IS ARRANGING CALL ON MINTOFF FOR EARLY MONDAY MORNING. DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE SEVERAL SUBSTANTIVE BILATERAL ISSUES SO JOINT OWEN-YOUNG CALL WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE.

9. FCO SUGGESTS WE NOT ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH FORMAL AGENDA FOR TALKS WITH PF. OWEN WOULD BEGIN MEETING
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WITH EXPOSITION OF WHERE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE STANDS. IT IS EXPECTED PF WILL INSIST ON DISCUSSING TRANSITION ISSUES BEFORE CEASE-FIRE AT WHICH POINT OWEN AND CARVER WILL OUTLINE OUR TRANSITION PROPOSALS.

10. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND USUN COMMENTS ON ABOVE AS WELL AS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, COMPOSITION OF PARTY, ETC.

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